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Naples, Aug. 5.

BY a Felucca arrived in four days from *Palermo*, we have advice, that the Squadron of Dutch Men of War was failed from thence, it being given out, that their design was to come hither, but hitherto they do not appear, and we imagine they have taken their course to the Westward.

Madrid, Aug. 26. The charge of Major Domo Mayor is conferred on the Constable of *Castile*. From *Catalonia* we hear, that after some difficulty the Prince of *Parma* had taken possession of that Government. The Plague hath been very hot at *Cartagena*, but at present we are told that it begins somewhat to abate. From *Malaga*, *Seville*, and other places they write, That the Magistrates and other publick Officers are wholly employed in making provision to hinder the entrance of any Persons or Goods from places which are suspected to be infected. At *Malaga* 400 Soldiers are embarked for *Naples*; but the Men of War designed to reinforce the Spanish Armada now in *Sicily* will scarce be ready this Summer; and in the mean time we have advice, that 35 French Men of War, with a great number of small Vessels, laden with all sorts of Provisions and Ammunition are returned towards *Messina*.

Leghorne, Aug. 25. Letters from *Rome* bring us the news of Cardinal *Orsins* death, whereby, besides his Cap, is likewise vacant the protection of the affairs of *Portugal* and *Poland*. Cardinal *Bonelli* is in a weak condition, insomuch that his Phisitians have given him over. The Cardinals in the Conclave are in the mean time about chooSing a new Pope, and it seems hitherto that most encline to the election of Cardinal *Odeschalchi*. From *Naples* we have advice, that the French Fleet was past by there, going to *Messina*, consisting in 23 Men of War, 11 Ships laden with Provisions, 6 Fireships, and several Tartanes; That the Dutch Squadron which departed from *Palermo* the 6th instant arrived at *Naples* the 20, having kept so long at Sea to avoid meeting with the French, who were much stronger than they. We do not certainly know the reason of the Dutch leaving *Palermo*, though we are told that the Commander says he had orders from the States-General, as being a place destitute of those necessaries which the Men of War stood in need of. The People of *Palermo* continue still their fidelity to the King of *Spain*, but are not very obedient to their Superiours, being unwilling to leave the command of the Bastions of the Town, which they have got into their hands. The French Cardinals that are going for *Rome* passed through *Florence* on Thursday last, in 13 days from *Paris*. There are at present in this Port two English Men of War, with two rich Merchant ships from *Scanderoone*, and another for *Smirna*, bound for *England*.

Venice, Aug. 21. The death of our Doge was not known in Town till the 19 instant, though he died the 14 at night, the reason of which is, that the Relations of the deceased might have time to remove out of the Palace all his Moveables, and to furnish the Apartments in which the Senators are to lodge during the vacancy. The name of our Doge deceased was *Nicholas Sagredo* a Man of great integrity and prudence, his Government lasted only 17 Months. On Wednesday his Corps was exposed on a Bed of State in the great Hall of the Palace, and Interred this day with the usual solemnity. In the mean time the Senate hath chosen five Correcteurs and three Inquisitors, who are to examine the actions of the Doge deceased, to see if there be any just cause of complaint against his Government; which is a formality used in this State. To morrow the Senate will meet for the first time, in order to the election of a new Doge. From *Constantinople* we have Letters of the 26 of *June*, they tell us, that the Grand Signior continued for the most part to lodge in the Field under his Tents, of which the reason is thought to be, that he does not think himself safe in *Constantinople*; that it was said, that he would very suddenly take a journey towards *Asia*, to compose the disturbances which are broken out there, to that degree, that if not timely remedied, they seem to threaten great revolutions in those parts.

Ditto, Aug. 28. The 26 instant Signior *Alvisi Contarini* was Elected Doge of this Republick, a man of great merit, and much esteemed by all people, being aged 75 years: at which Election here is great rejoicing, all sorts of persons being extremely satisfied with it.

Dantzicke, Aug. 29. Here is lately arrived his Excellency *Lawrence Hide* Esquire, Ambassador from his Majesty of *Great Britain* to the King of *Poland*, having been received with all the respects and honors due to his Person and Character; some days since he had a publick Audience of our Magistrates to propose to them some matters in favor of the English Merchants residing here. The 20 instant the Queen of *Poland* arrived here, of whom his Excellency had the next day Audience; and having performed his complement to her Majesty, presented the young Princess, to whom his Majesty of *Great Britain* was prayed to be Godfather, with a very rich and noble Jewel, on the part of his said Majesty. His Excellency means to part hence in few days, on his journey towards the Court of the King of *Poland*.

From the Danish Camp at Weke *a quarter of a League from* Christianstadt, *Aug.* 21. After the surrender of *Landscroon* the King marched hither, having sent Major-General *Duncan* to attack *Halmstadt* in the Province of *Hallandt*. The Suedish Forces that were at *Christianstadt* upon our approach are retired towards *Carelshaven*, leaving onely a Garison of 1000 Men in the Town, which his Majesty is resolved to attack being a place of great importance, as well because of its strength as its scituation; and in order thereunto, Lieutenant-General *Arensdorf* has taken his Post on the other side of the Town, while we approach it on this, which we cannot do till we have repaired the Bridge over the River, which the Governor caused to be burnt upon the first news he had of our march this way. We are told that the King of *Sueden* is returned to *Stockholme* to endeavor to compose the differences that are among the Senators, and other the great Men, to the extraordinary prejudice of the affairs of the Kingdom.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29. Our last advices from our Camp informed us of the Kings having taken *Christian-*

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